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Foreign investors suck out $188 bn of Chinese stocks

Foreign investors pulled out a whopping $188 bn from Chinese markets — from a Dec 2021 peak to June 23 — showing the country's fading heft. Foreign fund participation in the Hong Kong stock market dropped by more than a third since the end of 2020, according to Bloomberg. The pullout coincides with China's economic slump due to Covid restrictions and persistent tensions with the West.

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Congress leaders arrive at the CWC meeting venue in Hyderabad on Saturday | AM

'One poll' plan attacks federal structure: CWC

Raps bill on mode of appointment of ECs

B KARTHEEK @ Hyderabad

THE Congress Working Committee (CWC) in its first meeting here on Saturday strongly opposed the 'one nation, one election' proposal, denouncing it as a direct assault on India's federal structure.

The CWC also extended a warm welcome to the Opposition bloc I.N.D.I.A. It voiced its opposition to the proposed Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment etc) Bill, which is to taken up for passing during Parliament's special session from September 18-22. The party argued that the bill would severely compromise the Election Commission of India's independence in ensuring free and fair elections.

After deliberations lasting five hours, the CWC adopted 14 resolutions covering a range of issues, including simultaneous elections, the political landscape, economic conditions and security challenges in regions such as the border with China, Kashmir and Manipur.

It "rejected the idea of a new Constitution", asserting that the fundamental structure of the Constitution should remain unchanged. Moreover, the committee expressed "grave concern" over the escalating unemployment rates and the continual rise in the prices of essential commodities. The extended CWC meeting, scheduled for Sunday, will delve into preparations for Assembly elections in five states and the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections. Later, the party will hold a public rally, *Vijayabheri*, on the city's outskirts.

Top leaders of the Congress, including party president Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and chief ministers of Congress-ruled states participated.

I.N.D.I.A BLOC's BHOPAL MEET OFF

The first joint rally of the Opposition I.N.D.I.A bloc slated to be held in poll-bound Madhya Pradesh's Bhopal in the first week of October is off. Party general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala said it was yet to be decided whether the first rally will be held in Bhopal or elsewhere

Pak army gives cover fire for infiltrators, 3 shot dead

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

Army officials display arms and ammunition recovered from two killed terrorists at a press conference in Hatlanga area of Uri in Baramulla on Saturday | PTI

THE Pakistan army on Saturday gave cover fire to infiltrators along the Line of Control (LoC) and shot down an Indian quadcopter that was trying to ascertain their whereabouts.

Indian troops noticed terrorists trying to cross the LoC in Uri in north Kashmir in the early hours of Saturday, a Srinagar-based defence spokesman said. In the firefight that ensured, the troops killed three terrorists.

"The security men fired on the militants attempting to sneak into this side of LoC. The militants retaliated and in the firefight, two militants were killed by noon and their bodies were recovered," he said.

When the troops engaged a third militant near the LoC in gunfire, he received cover fire from the Pakistan Army. "The third terrorist fell down towards the other side of LoC. While the operation was under progress, the quadcopter was flown to ascertain his whereabouts. However, the Pakistan Army shot it down, which establishes that they are abetting terrorism and assisting terrorists to infiltrate across the LoC," he said.

Elsewhere, the security forces intensified their operation to track down two-three Lashkar-e-Toiba militants involved in recent killing of four security personnel, including three officers — Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhonchak and Deputy Superintendent of Police Humayun Bhat.

They are hiding in the dense Gadole forest area of Kokernag. A security official said troops are targeting their possible hideouts in caves in the forest area through rockets, mortar shells, grenades and ammunition from drones.

One of their hideouts was damaged in mortar shelling and rocket fire on Friday.

EXPRESS READ

Writer Gita Mehta passes away in Delhi

New Delhi: The daughter of late Odisha political stalwart Biju Patnaik, and the elder sister of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Gita Mehta passed away at her residence in Delhi on Friday. She was 80 years old. P11

Minister Rajanna seeks three more DyCMs

Tumakuru: Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna on Saturday floated the idea of appointing three more deputy chief ministers in Karnataka to help boost Congress' prospects in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. P4

BATTLE OF EQUALS

WITH ROHIT SHARMA & CO TAKING ON CO-HOSTS SRI LANKA IN THE ASIA CUP FINAL ON SUNDAY, A LOOK AT HOW THEY STACK UP AGAINST EACH OTHER

INDIA'S BATTING MIGHT

India's top-order batters are in form with three of them (Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli and KL Rahul) scoring a century each. Similarly, Kusal Mendis (275 runs from 5 matches) and Sadeera Samarawickrama (253 runs from 5 matches) are second and third in the top run-getters' chart only behind Gill, who has scored 275 from five matches so far

SL HAVE EDGE IN BOWLING

In the bowling department, Sri Lankan pacer Matheesha Pathirana (11 wickets from 5 matches) and left-arm spinner Dunith Wellalage (10 wickets from 5 matches) are the top-two wicket-takers in the tournament. India's Kuldeep Yadav is fourth on the list with 9 wickets but he has played a match less than the duo | P17

FIRST FINAL IN 13 YEARS This will be the first Asia Cup final between the two teams since 2010. Both have met seven times in the summit clash with India winning four and Sri Lanka winning 3

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CM says no to all transfer requests

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

IT has been 112 days since the new government took over, but it still receives requests for transfers. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has told his ministers, MLAs and MLCs strictly that they should not accept any requests for transfers, unless they are for administrative reasons, sources said.

The last list of transfers was on September 13 when seven bureaucrats and the next day on September 14 when three senior police officers were transferred. There was criticism on social media over the transfer of KPSC Secretary Vikas Kishor Surulkar. P7

Shri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka

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Kalyana Karnataka Festival and 371(J) Implementation Decade Celebration

Warm Wishes for vibrant people of Kalyana Karnataka

For the people of 'Kalyana Karnataka,' the enactment of Article 371(J) has been a decade-long journey, resulting from their relentless efforts to secure employment and educational reservations, as well as special grants. This significant milestone in the constitution was achieved through their persistent struggle.

Following the principles of Basavanna's 'Arive Guru' and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's philosophy of 'Prabuddha Bharat,' Gram Panchayat libraries are being transformed into 'Arivu Kendra.' In the Kalyana Karnataka region, 939 libraries are currently undergoing upgrades, with the aim of empowering these centres for the task of knowledge dissemination. Additionally, the monthly remuneration for librarians is being increased, and a minimum wage facility has been provided.

In Gram Panchayats across the state, 4,000 'Koosina Mane' childcare centres are being introduced to cater to the nurturing and care of rural labourers' children. The establishment of 881 such centres is currently in progress in the Kalyana Karnataka region.

A grant of 100 crores has been allocated for the construction of 400 community toilet complexes in the Kalyana Karnataka region, with each complex estimated to cost around 25 lakhs. The construction is set to take place in 218 villages across seven districts of KK Region.

NICE (Nagavi Institute of Competitive Examination) centre is being established at Vajpayee Layout of Kalaburagi Nagar with the aim of providing competitive examination training to unemployed graduates from the Kalyana Karnataka region. The centre is designed to accommodate and train approximately 2,000 candidates annually.

Through the Rural Water Supply Scheme, 658 crores have been spent to provide drinking water access for 2.33 lakh households.

Health screenings for 21 lakh labourers across the state are taking place at MNREGA work sites under the Grama Health Program. Additionally, a grant of Rs 1,201 crores has been provided for the sustainable income of 19,800 farmers and the expansion of cultivation over 26,507 acres under the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA scheme.

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A Commitment to Develop Kalyana Karnataka I A Government that walks the talk

"To protect and respect our vibrant culture and tradition," is a Fundamental Duty of every citizen. This is affirmed by our constitution

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